



## How Will a College Degree Help Me With My Career?

### DID YOU KNOW...?

- **Every bit of education you get after high school increases the chances you'll earn good pay.** Most college graduates earn a lot more money during their working years than people who stop their education at high school. *Find out how much you'll earn in a lifetime if you stay in college (Table 1 below).*
- **The more education you get the more likely it is you will always have a job.** According to one estimate, by the year 2028 there will be 19 million more jobs for *educated* workers than there will be qualified people to fill them.
- **Continuing education after high school is much more important for your generation than it was for your parents' generation.** Today most good jobs require more than a high school diploma. Businesses want to hire people who know how to think and solve problems.

**Table 1: Expected Lifetime Earnings by Level of Education**

Expected lifetime earnings	
Professional degree	\$4.4 million
Doctoral degree	\$3.4 million
Master's degree	\$2.5 million
Bachelor's degree	\$2.1 million
Associate's degree	\$1.6 million
Some college	\$1.5 million
High school graduate	\$1.2 million
Non-high school graduate	\$1 million

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

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